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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE COATING OF SUBSTRATES FOR

Examiner: WILLIAMS, P.

PHARMACEUTICAL USE

December 16, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action mailed July 16, 2002 (for which petition is hereby made for a two month extension of time), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

Please cancel claims 98-119, 146, 147, 149, 154, 155, 157, 163, 166, 168, 170,

172, 180, 182, 183, 185, 187, 188, 189, 190 and 191 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims.

ED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMA Atty Dkt. 37-49 In re Patent Application of C# M# Group Art Unit: .1616 **BROWN** et al Examiner: WILLIAMS, P. Serial No. 09/310,740 DEC 1 9 2002 Filed: May 13, 1999 Date: December 16, 2002 TECH CENTER 160012900 METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE COATING OF SUBSTRATES FOR Title: PHARMACEUTICAL USE **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, DC 20231 Sir: RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon. □ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. Fees are attached as calculated below: Total effective claims after amendment 63 minus highest number 0.00 previously paid for 147 (at least 20) = \$ 18.00 Independent claims after amendment 13 minus highest number 0.00 previously paid for 20 (at least 3) =\$ 84.00 \$ 0 If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper) 0.00 Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$400.00/2 months; \$920.00/3 months) \$ 400.00 Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 \$ 0.00 First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$740.00) 0.00 Please enter the previously unentered , filed Submission attached Subtotal 400.00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract -\$ 0.00 Applicant claims "small entity" status.

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